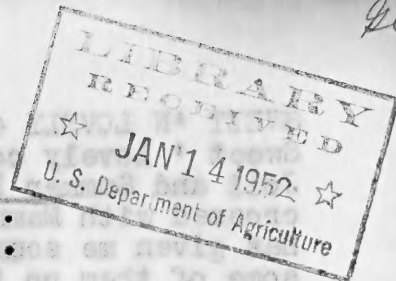


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WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS

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Dear Friends,

I was called to a new parish the first of last April. It made me a little late with my spring planting, but I have a lovely piece of new ground right across the street from the parsonage. I can continue my work of breeding but it must continue to be just a hobby.

This is my tenth catalog, but 1952 will be the twenty-sixth year I have been hybridizing. Finally the skeptics have had to admit that there are fragrant glads. Elmer Gove has bought half of the stock of Sachet and is co-introducing Yellow Rose with me this year. Other growers will be listing my fragrant glads in their 1952 catalogs. Fragrance is no longer on trial, it is a fact. The time is not far distant when people will expect their glads to be fragrant the same as other flowers. These glads will be the foundation stock for many more to come.

My one business rule remains the same; "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

Sincerely, O. E. Spencer

YELLOW ROSE (413 46X-N21 X 46X-N22

46X-N22 Is the little breeder seedling listed on next page.

46X-N21 Is Perfume X (Mibloom X Maid of Orleans)

YELLOW ROSE reminds me, both in color and fragrance of the little semi-double yellow rose that we used to grow when I was a kid-hence the name.

YELLOW ROSE is my most fragrant glad to date, replacing "This-ISIT" for that honor. It has a tall straight stem, 16-18 buds and 5" well ruffled florets with 6 open and 6 in color. The color is a clear medium yellow with two small red brush marks in the throat. It is an easy grower and excellent propagator.

Elmer Gove has bought half the stock of YELLOW ROSE and by mutual agreement the price of large bulbs will be \$3.00 next year.

PRICE: Bulbs one inch and up \$3.00

SACHET (300) Perfume X (Mibloom X Maid of Orleans)

SACHET is a heavily ruffled pure white of good substance, 6 open and 6 in color on a 15 bud spike. It is medium height and always straight. This might be described as a Perfume without the throat blotch. It is not quite as fragrant as Perfume, but as the name suggests, has the mild fragrance of a handkerchief that has been stored in a drawer with a sachet. The fragrance, tho light, is persistent and will remain on the cut spike until it is bloomed out. It is a clean grower and easy propagator but stock is limited.

PRICE:---L. \$2.50 M.-\$2.00 S.- \$1.50 Blts. \$.20 each

SWEET 'N LOVELY 441 (Paula Ann X Perfume)

Sweet 'Lovely combines the blood lines of Picardy, New Era, Joli and Summer Breeze. The last two being Mibloom seedlings crossed with Mammoth White and Pfitzers Triumph. Sweet 'Lovely has given me some large seedlings when crossed with Diadem, some of them up to 6". Sweet 'Lovely is a light pink, shading lighter toward a red dart in the throat. Florets are slightly winged and ruffled, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to 5", 6 open on a medium height always straight 17 bud spike.

SWEET ' LOVELY has a good rose scent type of fragrance.

PRICE: L.-\$1.25 M.- \$1.00 S.-\$.75 Blts \$.10 each

SPECIAL--1-L. 1-M. 1-S. 10 blts, \$3.00

THISISIT (342) Summer Breeze X New Era

THISISIT is a fine clean strong growing glad and should make a good commercial especially for basket work as it makes long straight willowy spikes. THISISIT is a pure pink self, heavily ruffled and good substance, 4" florets and 6 open on a 20 bud flower head. THISISIT has a good and persistent fragrance. It makes small bulblets in good quantity and germination is excellent. The price has been halved this year so better try this one.

PRICE: L.-\$.50 M.- \$.35 S.- \$.20 Blts 6 for \$.25

SPECIAL 1-L. 1-M. 1-S and 6 Blts-\$1.00

INCENSE SMOKE 390 Mother Machree X Incense

INCENSE SMOKE is one of those colors so hard to describe with words. It is a smoky pink or old rose, shading to a light yellow throat, with two small red darts deep in the throat. It is a tall straight strong growing plant, $3\frac{1}{2}$ "-4" florets, 5-6 open and it has a good fragrance.

PRICE. L.- \$.50 M.-\$.35 S.-\$.20 Blts 6 for \$.25

46X-N22 312 Mibloom Sdlg. X (Mibloom X Incense)

This little glad not only has a good fragrance but it has given me a high percentage of fragrant seedlings in my crosses and is one of the parents of YELLOW ROSE. It is a tall straight, plain petaled yellow self, 3" florets with 6 open. It makes clean bulbs and is a run away propagator. You can really smell a bouquet of 46X-N22 It blooms from small bulbs, better try the special.

PRICE--L.- \$.25 M.-2 for \$.25 S.-4 -- \$.25- Blts. 6 for \$.25

SPECIAL-2L.- 2 M.- 6 S. and 15 Blts. \$1.00

DIADEM 460 New Era X Vista Bonia

DIADEM is the largest of the fragrant glads. It is a medium deep rose with a cream throat. 5"-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6 open, 18 buds on a 48" spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticeable when cut than in the garden. DIADEM has given me some large seedlings and I selected out ten Diadem cross seedlings this year to test.

PRICE: L.-\$.50 M.- \$.35 S.-\$.20 Blts. 6 for \$.25

SPECIAL 1L.- 1S.- 1M. and 6 Blts \$1.00

GWEN 460 Rose Marie Pfitzer X Picardy

GWEN is a tall straight light rose, 6 open, 5"-5½" florets. Gwen is quite similar to Diadem but is of entirely different breeding. It has a light but persistent fragrance and it is proving a good breeder in my fragrant crosses. This is an entirely new blood line for those interested in breeding for fragrance.

PRICE:--L.--\$1.00 S.-- \$.50 Blts 2 for \$.25

COLOGNE 342 Incense X New Era

COLOGNE is a much improved Incense in every way, larger flower, taller and more fragrant. It is a deep pink with a large cream throat. 4" florets, 5-6 open on a tall willowy spike.

PRICE:--L.--\$.25 M.--\$.15 S.-- 3 for \$.25 Blts. 20 for \$.25

SPECIAL---2L.- 2 M.- 4.-S and 20 Blts. \$1.00

THE FOLLOWING GROUP ARE OLDER FRAGRANT VARIETIES, VALUABLE MOSTLY FOR HYBRIDIZING. I am offering this group at the following uniform price.

PRICE L. 2 for \$.25 M. 3 for \$.25

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE 410 Mibloom X Picardy

Golden Fragrance is a lightly ruffled light yellow self. 5 4½" florets open on a medium height spike. It has a light but pleasant fragrance.

PERFUME 301 Joli X Summer Breeze.

Perfume is a ruffled creamy white with a rose dart in the throat. 4½" florets, 4-6 open on a medium height plant. Perfume is a double cross Mibloom seedling and a good breeder. It still wins ribbons in the 301 class.

SUMMER FRAGRANCE 352 Queen of Bremen Seedling.

A mid-season small decorative, dark rose pink, it makes tall straight spike and is a strong grower, light fragrance. Its chief fault is the short flower head.

ROSE GEM 362 (Incense X Sweetheart) X Lavender & Gold

Rose Gem is a medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets 3½" nicely ruffled with a waxy sheen. This still wins in the 362 class and is a good breeder for 200's and 300's.

ODORA E. J. Shaylor seedling.

Odora is pink with a large red throat mark. To me this has an odor rather than a fragrance, but it has shown value as a breeder giving me some good lavender and purples in the second generation crosses.

C. J. Bond probably an Incense seedling

Color is red with large cream throat. 4" florets on a slender medium height stem. It has a light fragrance. I am using this in my breeding for a red fragrant.

INCENSE Primulinus Ancestry

This is one of the oldest fragrant glads. It is a small 240 glad, red with a large light yellow throat, and a sweet fragrance. It is a good breeder for fragrance and its blood can be found in Cologne, Rose Gem, Incense Smoke and Yellow Rose.
PRICE: Bulbs 1" up \$.25

MURIELAE ACIDANTHERA

The Acidanthera is a close relative of the gladiolus. This is strictly a novelty. It grows like a glad and looks like a glad. The flowers are white with a maroon blotch in the throat. The fragrance is very strong and sweet. My strain seems to be blooming earlier; April plantings will bloom in August.
PRICE: M.- \$.25 S. 2 for \$.25 Blts 10 for \$.25

The following are seedlings that are still under trial, or seedlings not quite good enough to rate a name. Some are of interest to hybridizers because of their ancestry.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$.25

48X-P22 Perfume X 46X-N27
46X-N27 was Summer Fragrance X (Purple Glory X Pfitzers Triumph)

This has a good fragrance. Rose Purple, 4½" florets, 6 open on a 20 bud spike. It is a good grower. If the color didn't fade when cut this would rate a name.

48-P25 532 Reliable X California Seedling

This is a light salmon pink with a darker tongue in the throat. 6" lightly ruffled and winged florets, 6 open on a 16 bud spike. It is a big strong husky grower.

48-P26 (This is a sister to P25)

Light Salmon pink, with a darker brush mark on a gold throat. 6" round florets, 6-8 open on 18 bud spike. I am using these two in my breeding because of their size and vigor.

48X-P29 (Incense X Mibloom) X Fragrant red seedling

I am still trying for a good fragrant red. This one is the best so far. It is a 4½" plain petaled light red. A good grower that makes nice clean bulbs.

48-P34 (Blue sdlg. X Blue Sdlg.)

This is a dark violet purple with a white line in each petal, forming a star in the throat. 4½" florets, 6 open, 22 buds. The color is rich and velvety and it does not fade. I had some good seedlings from this one this year.

48-P40 Arethusa X (Incense X Mibloom) X Picardy)

A 5" light creamy yellow, slightly darker in the throat. It should have shown some fragrance but didn't. A medium height spike, 17 buds, with six open.

49X-R1 (Fragrant Sdlg. X Fragrant Sdlg.)

White shading to cream in the throat and flushed pink on the petal edges. Nicely ruffled $3\frac{1}{4}$ " florets, 6 open, 16 buds on a straight slender stem. This one and 49X-R3 may be my first 200 class fragrances. It is an early bloomer and heavy propagator.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$.50

49X-R3 Perfume X 46X-N22

This is a ruffled light yellow with a deeper yellow tongue in the throat. $3\frac{1}{4}$ " florets, 11 buds on a medium height spike. This glad is closely related to Yellow Rose (my '52 introduction) but does not have the red in the throat. It has a good fragrance and is a natural 210. I am growing it for further trial.

PRICE Bulbs 1" and up \$.50

FRAGRANT CROSS SEEDLING BULBS

These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant. Parentages will not be furnished as these are from odd lots of seed or un-named fragrant seedlings. These bulbs will run about equal parts of 5's, 6's, and 7's. I have been agreeably surprised at the interest shown in these bulbs. On account of my moving I did not get these planted this year, but hope to offer them again next year.

None for sale this year.

FRAGRANT CROSS SEED

These are hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant, and are the seed from which I will grow the bulbs listed above for next years sale. Parentages cannot be furnished but many are from pollen of the best varieties crossed on seedlings that were from bulbs too small to judge for other than fragrance. Former customers have been pleased with the results from these seed.

PRICE: Selected seed 12 for \$.25 100 for \$1.50

RELIABLE (Hon X California)

Reliable is one of the strongest growing most dependable glads I have ever grown. It deserves to be better known. It is a pure dark pink with a dusting of red deep in the throat. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " florets under field conditions, florets slightly winged which makes it appear larger. 6 open, 6 in color on a strong straight stem.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$.25

Because of the popular demand for the little glads, I have selected a few good ones from my seedling patch. The three "ribbons" below are all real ribbon winners.

WHITE RIBBON 200

White Ribbon is a definite comer in the 200 class. It has won ribbons in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin that I know of. White Ribbon is a natural 200 but at the Mid-States International at Madison, it had to compete with the 300's too, and still won the blue. It is pure white (not creamy) lightly ruffled, 3" florets, 6 open, 6 in color, on a tall slender straight stem. It makes large bulblets in good quantity, that germinate easily.

PRICE L.--\$.50 M.--\$.35 S.--\$.20 Blts. 6 for \$.25

YELLOW RIBBON 210

This little glad has really gone to town the last year or two. It has won 3 sectional champions that I know of, including the three spike 210- 310 section at the Mid-States International at Madison. Yellow Ribbon is a mid season light yellow, 8-10 open in a formal double row, on a straight medium height spike. If you like the little ones don't overlook Yellow Ribbon.

PRICE L.- 2 for \$.25 M.- 3 for \$.25 S.- 6 for \$.25

PINK RIBBON 242

This little glad has been out 10 years now and is still winning a good share of the ribbons in its class. It is so well known that it hardly needs a description. It is an early light pink with red dusting on a cream throat. 6 open, 6 in color, on a tall slender willowy stem.

PRICE: L.- 2 for \$.25 M.- 3 for \$.25 S.- 6 for \$.25

All orders are prepaid any where in the U.S.A. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of one. 5 bulbs at the 10 rate. The usual extra's and over count.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with D.D.T. at cleaning time.

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